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B. SANDVED/LOWETH LETTER, L/3/78

- 1. AT PRESENT LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE BEYOND THAT GIVEN IN THE SANDVED/LOWETH LETTER. THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET, IS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY T. C. YOUNG, REPRESENTING PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. YOUNG HAS CONFIDED TO SOME OF HIS FRIENDS THAT HE WILL BE RETIRING IN 1978.
- 2. THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET IS COMPRISED OF 5 DIVISIONS (ONE WITH 3 SECTIONS) CORRESPONDING TO THE PROGRAMMATIC SECTORS WITH WHICH THEY DEAL. THE DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE ADG FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION
- 3. YOUNG'S POSITION IS CONSIDERED AN INFLUENTIAL ONE AT PRESENT TIME, BUT SPECULATION IS THAT SOME OF HIS POLICY FUNCTIONS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING UNDER THE DG'S PLANNED REORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION SECTOR. UNTIL THIS INFORMATION IS IN HAND, IT IS DIFFICULT TO WEIGH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POSITION AGAINST OTHERS AT THE SAME LEVEL. THERE ARE 22 POSITIONS AT THE D-2 LEVEL AT UNESCO.

4. AS STATED IN THE LETTER, THE MISSION CONSIDERS THE PROSPECT GOOD FOR GETTING AN AMERICAN APPOINTED PROVIDED THE RIGHT PERSON CAN BE FOUND. A. THE USA IS HIGHLY RESPECTED FOR EXPERTISE IN BUDGETARY MATTERS. B. THE USA HOLDS ONLY ONE PROFESSIONAL POSITION (A P-4 DIVISION CHIEF) IN THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET. C. THE DG HAS INDICATED HIS RECEPTIVITY TO AMERICAN CANDIDATES IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AMB. TORRES. IT WOULD SEEM PREMATURE, HOWEVER, TO INITIATE A FORMAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN UNTIL SOME OFFICIAL OR SEMI-OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE SANDVED LETTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADVANCE PROBE WITH A STRATEGICALLY LOCATED OFFICIAL WHO MAY BE HELPFUL IN DISSEMINATING INFOR-MATION IN ADVANCE OF A FORMAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN. TORRES

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